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# FACT SHEET

## Community Based Stabilization Grants (CBSG) - Impact on Women and Girls

### OVERVIEW

Launched in March 2010, the Community-Based Stabilization Grants (CBSG) project is designed to “hold” communities after military operations and insulate unstable communities from further insurgent intrusion. CBSG is working to apply community development, mobilization principles and peaceful community discussion to enable unstable communities, which are predominantly a focus of counterinsurgency activities, to directly implement small-scale community-level projects. Under CBSG, USAID enables eligible community-based organizations to work with the Afghan government to identify sources of instability and address community grievances through small-scale community level projects. At a grass roots level, CBSG works in 14 provinces in the northern, western, and central regions of Afghanistan. As a critically underserved group, CBSG encourages communities to prioritize projects targeted for women and girls as a means of linking a disconnected population with local government services and representation.

### CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- Train women in how run a poultry farming business in Bamyan Province
- Organize tailoring training projects for women in Kunduz Province
- Enhance women’s knowledge of their human rights, women’s legal rights, social justice, women’s rights in Islam and conflict resolution in Baghlan Province

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Completed 74 school rehabilitation, surrounding wall, and furniture procurement projects, which have directly benefited more than 34,000 direct females
- Completed 16 projects directly targeted at improving the capacity and education of women and girls in unstable areas